

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

OMAR RODRIGUEZ, individually, and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

KAO USA, INC.,

Defendants.

23-CV-3443 (JGLC)

ORDER

JESSICA G. L. CLARKE, United States District Judge:

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all prior orders, dates and deadlines shall remain in effect notwithstanding the case's reassignment. **All counsel must familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Rules and Practices, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jessica-g-l-clarke>.**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the answer, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district's court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (*i.e.*, within forty-five (45) days of service of the answer), the parties must submit a joint letter informing the Court whether the parties have settled. If the parties do not reach a settlement, the parties shall in the joint letter request that the Court (1) refer the case to mediation or a magistrate judge for a settlement conference (and indicate a preference between the two options), or (2) proceed with an initial status conference.

Dated: June 28, 2023

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



JESSICA G. L. CLARKE
United States District Judge